

UK-ADAPT

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April 2006 Newsletter

This newsletter is the first of a series of monthly updates on the UK-ADAPT initiative. It is provided to all registered users on the UK-ADAPT website. Please forward to any colleagues that might be interested in UK-ADAPT and encourage them to register on the site.

Overview

The UK-ADAPT initiative has recently secured additional funding to continue with its successful website www.uk-adapt.org.uk. The website has been active since 2003 and provides a database for all UK projects relating to diffuse water pollution from agriculture. Following a period of reduced activity due to lack of funding, UK-ADAPT is now back in full swing.

Recent News - January 2006 workshop

A successful workshop was held in London on 16th January 2006, with an invited audience of key stakeholders from around the UK. The workshop was chaired by Peter Costigan from Defra, and included speakers from governing bodies, implementing agencies, consultants, scientists and NGOs, all with an interest in catchment management. A key success was the fact that representatives attended from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Better UK-wide representation is something that UK-ADAPT has been encouraging for some time, and we hope that the range of projects on the website will reflect this in the near future. Workshop notes and presentations can be found on the website.

Reminder - Advertisement of diffuse pollution conferences

The UK-ADAPT website has a Notice Board that can be used to display information about forthcoming conferences, meetings, and workshops that are of interest to UK-ADAPT users. The most recent news item is always repeated on the website homepage. All UK-ADAPT users can place items on the Notice Board by emailing uk-adapt@adas.co.uk

Reminder - Useful Documents and Website Links

The 'documents' section of the website contains archive material from previous UK-ADAPT activities such as workshop notes and presentations. Any documents of potential interest to UK-ADAPT users can be added to this section by emailing uk-adapt@adas.co.uk

Similarly, if you have a useful website link that is not already listed on the website, please email uk-adapt@adas.co.uk

Your Help Needed – All projects on the website need updating

Thank you to all of you who have registered projects on the UK-ADAPT website. In order for this resource to be used to its full potential, we rely on everyone updating their project and personal details at regular intervals. Many projects have been extended or completed since they were first registered, so please check your project details and, if possible, add any developments, conclusions or weblinks.

New projects required, please

UK-ADAPT will only remain useful if there is continued interaction with the website and between members of the UK-ADAPT community, so please continue to register new projects on the site. We have tried to strike a balance with the amount of information that is needed, to make registration as easy as possible. But remember there are benefits, too: promoting your research and ensuring that it is accessible to a wide audience.